

Basketball Ref OVAC Speaker

One of the world's foremost basketball referees, Z. J. "Red" Mihalik, will be the guest speaker at the winter meeting of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference on the night of Dec. 7 at Linsly Military Institute.

Mihalik has blown the whistle on many of the game's top collegiate and professional stars. He officiated in the NBA for four years, handled six NCAA finals, and also worked in the Olympic Games at Tokyo in 1964 and at Mexico City in 1968. He handled eight Olympic

contests in Mexico City and became the first American ever to officiate in a game involving Russia. He has also worked Ohio and Pennsylvania tournaments and has been seen



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...banquet speaker in action coast to coast in collegiate ball. This winter he will work in the Southern Conference.

Mihalik, also known as a skilled clock operator in football, was once a player with the legendary New York Celtics. He has recently been inducted into both the Western Pennsylvania and Allegheny-Kiski Valley Sports Halls of Fame.

At the OVAC fete, the veteran basketball official will be introduced by Walter Jablonsky, Times-Leader sports writer who is a long-time personal friend from the Western Pennsylvania area.